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## LET HOUSE CLEANING BEGIN AT HOME

In an extremely sound editorial the Arizona Republican castigates certain demagogues who it says are trying to excite class prejudice for political gain.

The demagogue is a despicable creature in whatever party he is found and, from the time of the organization of society he has been found in all parties. But the Republican restricts its energies to the lambasting of alleged democratic demagogues when it should have obeyed the scriptural injunction to set its own house in order first, for we know of nothing more demagogic, nothing meaner, and nothing more asinine in the course of the present campaign, than an article which had then been sent out from Phoenix under the authority of the republican state campaign committee.

It happened that among the hundreds who were gathered in the lobby of the Hotel Adams at Phoenix on one of the early days of the fair was Hon. G. W. P. Hunt, democratic candidate for governor. There were present also several personal friends of Mr. Hunt and political co-workers in years gone by. Some of these gentlemen were far from being in accord with all the political views of Mr. Hunt, but neither any difference of opinion nor any other subject relating to the campaign of Mr. Hunt was discussed in the single conversation of not more than five minutes. There was no privacy. Not a word was uttered which Mr. Hunt or any of the gentlemen would have been unwilling for the republican campaign management to hear. But it happened that one of these gentlemen was prominently identified with a large Arizona corporation.

Here was a juxtaposition for the true demagogue. "Corporation" in large letters branded the "conference" to which the friendly brief greeting was to be dignified. The republican campaign press agent at once issued a story and he introduced into it other "corporation" personages who were not present.

Republican newspapers, notably the Globe Silver Belt, avidly received the story and the press agent's interpretation of the events described, as a sign of Mr. Hunt's treachery toward the people.

Day after day this rot has been dinned into the ears of citizens of presumably average intelligence who are asked to believe that Mr. Hunt's proper course in the Hotel Adams lobby would have been to ignore his friends of years, if he did not feel like resorting to personal violence toward them.

## MEXICAN NEWSPAPERS ARE PROTESTING

The fool idea advanced by Ralph Cameron and Hoval Smith in Arizona to the effect that the United States government would reward their election to the United States senate by presenting the people of Arizona with a large slice of Mexico, is calling for some vigorous protests from the Mexican newspapers. The Sonora News, published at Cananea, in the State of Sonora, which is not far removed from the scene of Cameron and Smith's efforts, reads those gentlemen some very choice sections of the riot act for their suggestion. The News says: "Mexico will never willingly sell one foot of her territory to

the United States or any other foreign nation. Their constitution forbids it; the people will not allow it and the government will not even think of it for a second.

"The movement is nothing but a political scheme to obtain votes. That is all. It's worth can be seen when the motives inspiring the idea are known."

It may well be added to the suggestion of the Cananea News that no one knows these facts better than Cameron and Smith. They would have no real hope of getting their scheme through for the acquisition of any portion of Mexico. Their only intention is to inveigle the people of Arizona into the mistake of voting for them under the apprehension that the scheme might be feasible, but the very suggestion itself is an insult in its reflection upon the intelligence of the people of Arizona.

Cameron and Smith will have to dig up something different to win Arizona support for the United States senate.

## THE ARIZONA DEMOCRACY

The failures and faults of government are not confined wholly to any one party, but the many years of legislation—state and nation in favor of corporate wealth has created a wide distrust in the public mind. That alone is responsible for the universal dislike of all corporations. The democratic party has, however, never been the party of class legislation or special privilege and that is the reason why the people of the United States and of Arizona as well turn hopefully to that party for relief. No just or sensible man is against Capital, no matter what form it takes on, but the infamy of the big combinations of capital and their utter disregard of law or justice have so enraged the people of the country that they are prepared to deal with them in a manner that will probably be detrimental to the public welfare, and no just man or newspaper can say that the people are not justified in their wrath. If corporations or trusts, or combinations of capital, no matter what they are called desire fair treatment at the hands of the American people they have got to first accord justice to the public,—that the republican party is responsible for this condition of the country goes without saying as it was in power when these gigantic institutions were inaugurated and that party has fostered and petted these institutions by class legislation till they really have become a menace to free government. The democratic party of Arizona are not in any sense opposed to capital, but they do say, and so say every honest man in the territory, that we do not propose to turn this state over to the trusts, but on the other hand, propose to MAKE THEM OBEY THE LAWS, PAY THEIR JUST PROPORTION OF TAXES AND STOP OPPOSING THE PEOPLE. That is the democratic platform and that is where the democratic party stands, and make the most of it Mr. Republican.—Democrat.

The attempt of the republican campaign committee and the republican press agents to set up the corporation howl in Arizona still remains the paramount joke of the campaign. The democrats and socialists have already filed on this lead and done the assessment work.

A Mexican newspaper published at Phoenix recently made a vicious attack upon S. M. del Toro, Mexican consul at Clifton. The article charged the consul with inciting bitter feeling between the Americans, and especially the American officers, and the Mexican government. Such statements could not be father from the truth. Senor del Toro is held in high esteem by the American population of Clifton and is conducting his office in a manner highly satisfactory to both American and Mexican citizens.

## Democratic Ticket

For U S Senators  
 Mark A. Smith, Tucson.  
 Henry F. Ashurst, Prescott.  
 For Judge Supreme Court  
 Alfred Franklin, Phoenix.  
 Henry D. Ross, Prescott.  
 D. L. Cunningham, Tombstone.  
 For Congress  
 Carl Hayden, Phoenix.  
 For Governor  
 George W. P. Hunt, Globe.  
 For Secretary of State  
 Sidney P. Osborn, Phoenix.  
 For Auditor  
 J. C. Callaghan, Bisbee.  
 For Treasurer  
 David Johnson, Douglas.  
 For Attorney General  
 George Purdy Bullard, Phoenix.  
 For Superintendent of Public Instruction  
 C. O. Case, Jerome.  
 For Corporation Commissioners  
 F. A. Jones, Phoenix.  
 W. P. Geary, Winslow.  
 A. W. Cole, Douglas.  
 For State Senator  
 Geo. H. Chase.  
 For Representatives  
 M. H. Kane.  
 W. M. Whipple.  
 For Superior Judge  
 Frank B. Laine.  
 For Superior Court Clerk  
 Ben M. Crawford.  
 For Sheriff  
 J. B. English.  
 For Recorder  
 W. E. Kelly.  
 For Treasurer  
 John Webster.  
 For School Superintendent  
 J. W. Aker.  
 For County Attorney  
 E. V. Horton.  
 For Assessor  
 Jas. H. Kerby.  
 For Superintendent of Roads  
 S. F. Ault.  
 For Surveyor  
 H. Ogle Touis.  
 For Supervisors  
 B. F. Billingsley.  
 R. A. Campbell.  
 Wade Hampton.

The Taft newspapers in Arizona are telling of the whirlwind campaign made by Ralph Cameron in 1908. There is certainly a difference in the sentiment of the people in 1910. The Republican party did not keep faith with the people of Arizona on the statehood question. The unfairness of the enabling act will be rebuked when the voters of Arizona go to the polls on December 12.

The Globe Silver Belt says that miners are sending in subscriptions ranging from one to five dollars to be used in assisting the election of Hoval A. Smith as one of the Arizona Senators. Hoval A. Smith sold the Copper King group of mines adjoining the Copper Queen at Bisbee the other day. He owned a one-half interest in the group and the sale price was One Hundred and



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Twenty Thousand Dollars. Hoval's share was Sixty Thousand Dollars. In view of these facts we should say that Hoval A. was abundantly able to finance his own campaign. In the meantime, however, we challenge the Silver Belt to print the names of the miners who are contributing to the Hoval A. Smith campaign fund. If any such contributions are being received by the Silver Belt to aid Hoval A. Smith the money should be returned. It is soliciting funds under false pretenses.

## A Sign of the Times

In addition to the Democratic victories in the three great cities of Ohio—Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus—just freshly recorded by the electors, another significant index of the public pulse in Ohio is the result of the election just had for delegates to Ohio's Constitutional Convention.

These members were elected from precisely the same districts as were the members to the Lower House of Ohio's General Assembly in 1910.

By virtue of the tremendous majority that Governor Harmon received last fall, to-wit, one hundred thousand, the Democrats for the first time in twenty-one years carried the House of Representatives, their respective strength being:

Democrats 69.  
 Republicans 49.  
 Independents 1.

The party line-up in the new Constitutional Convention elected in 1911 is as follows:

Democrats 70.  
 Republicans 45.  
 Independents 4.

Showing that Ohio Democracy, with Governor Harmon as their leader, has made even a better showing in 1911 than the unprecedented victory in 1910.

Can there be any longer any doubting Thomases as to the ability of Governor Harmon to carry Ohio in 1912? Ohio is needed to make victory possible.

## Gov. Folk Delivers Lecture

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ways progresses by degrees—everything cannot be done in a day.

One of the obstacles to the progress of civic uprightness is the mistaken view that it injures a city or a state to expose and prosecute wrongdoing. I have heard men deplore the exposure of public corruption because it hurts a city. I have heard men argue against the enforcement of gambling and liquor laws because it injured a state. I have heard men object to prosecuting trusts and monopolies because it hurts business. Such views are entirely false. No city can be injured by the enforcement of the people's laws. To do otherwise is to substitute the will of the official for the laws of the people, and that is tyranny. No state can be hurt by opposing grafting; to do otherwise is to connive at it. There is no secret remedy known for evils of this character. They cannot be cured by hiding them. Of course it is not pleasant to apply the knife to the cancer of corruption, but it is better to do that than by a supine indifference allow it to eat into and destroy civic life. It is well for a state to display its virtues and not parade its faults, but it should not be forgotten that the highest civic virtue is in the overthrow of civic depravity. Grafters, whether in Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco or Pittsburgh, always endeavor to have it appear that a fight against them is a slander of the city in which they operate. Criminal wealth, when assailed, always tries to hide behind the skirts of legitimate business, and claims that business is being attacked. According to their argument grafters should never be attacked, lest some assume that all in that city are grafters, and lawlessness in business should not be fought less it be suspected that all business is lawless. The only way to stop corruption is to hit it and hit it hard whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head. Publicity is the best cure for civic corruption, for through publicity the public conscience is aroused, and the remedy for civic evils is in the hearts and conscience of the people. The penitentiaries might be filled with wrong doers, but if the people are indifferent, wrongdoing will go on just the same. On the other hand, very few might be kept where they belong, but if the people are aroused, wrongdoing can be stopped through the mighty power of the public conscience. Make the public conscience clean and the public life will be clean.

Much has been done for good government in various cities and states during the past few years. But we should not be content with what has been accomplished in the fight against public evils. There is plenty of work yet to be done. States, like mine, should never be satisfied, but should ever strive for higher development.

The man who is so self-satisfied as to pronounce himself unsatisfied of further improvement is likely to be most in need of advancement. And cities are often 'satisfied' when in the control of a corrupt and merciless 'gang.'

The future of our government rests upon the integrity of the citizen, and upon his activity in public affairs. Good government must begin at home, in cities and towns and proceed from there to state and nation. Any measure that aids the average citizen in making his wishes known is conducive to better government.

The primary system is not perfect, but imperfect as it is, it is far preferable to the convention system, under which the bosses are usually supreme. The bosses will still have too much influence under the primary plan, but not as much as under the convention idea.

We are still groping around in the dark. We are still experimenting with government; after while something better than the primary system may be found. Until that time comes, I favor the primary system as a step—but only a step—in the right direction. A number of the states now have the primary system, and not one of those that has it would give it up.

The remedy for existing evils is not less government by the people, but more government by the people. The initiative and referendum are measures tending to give people more power to run their government. These measures are neither revolutionary nor dangerous. We have the referendum and initiative now in the Constitution of Missouri, and the most conservative can find no objection to them except such criticism as is devoted toward any government by the people. I regard these measures as very important in the cure of corruption. What would be the profit of bribing a legislature of Missouri today to pass a bad bill, for the people have the power, through the referendum, to veto any measure the legislature may pass? What would be the use of corrupting the legislature to fail to pass a good bill, for the people, by the initiative, have the power of enacting any measure they desire over the head of the legislature? These measures reduce corruption lessening the initiative. The legislature under them cannot sell a clean title.

I do not expect the referendum to be called for or the initiative asked for except at rare intervals on important measures. The mere knowledge, however, that the people have the power in reserve has a tendency to keep things straight. Like the power of impeachment which is seldom exercised its existence has a tendency to prevent the abuses requiring its use.

At the conclusion of the lecture at the Armory Governor Folk was hurried up town to Prettymann's opera house where a large crowd had previously assembled. Within a few minutes after the governor's arrival a large number who had attended the lecture came into the hall and at ten o'clock Prettymann's opera house was filled, with every seat taken.

Governor Folk was introduced by Hon. Lamar Cobb who in a short speech paid a well deserved tribute to Governor Folk as a type of progressive statesman in this country reciting his administration in brief as governor of Missouri.

Governor Folk was accorded an ovation when he arose to speak and for more than an hour he impressed upon his hearers the fundamental principles of the democratic party. It was a speech that might be termed "an old fashioned democratic speech" wherein the republican party was held responsible for the growth of trusts and monopolies in this country and also responsible for the enactment of laws which gave special privilege advantages over the great mass of the people in this country. Governor Folk is a democrat who believes in the rule of the people as opposed to class privileges and stands firm for the democratic principle of equal rights to all. The governor called attention to the vast fortunes which had been amassed in this country on the one hand and the abject poverty on the other, telling the story of something wrong under our own government which had made such an unfair condition possible. The governor said he was proud to live in this country "where honest blood is royal blood and honesty is the only patent of nobility." Another statement during the speech was "republicanism appeals to pri-

vate greed; democracy to the common good."

Government by the people is either right or it is wrong. If it is wrong the Republic is the greatest blunder of the ages. If it is right the people cannot be given too much power to run their own government.

The commission form of city government is another move in the right direction of government by the people. This is merely a simplified form of city government and the simpler government can be made the more government by the people there will be. Whatever the laws are, the question of good government, always comes back to individual citizenship. The primary, the referendum, the commission plan are not cures for evil—they merely afford the people an opportunity to correct evils through them. There is no law that can give good government automatically.

Governor Folk is a Democrat who has always been regular, but of the progressive school of thought. In his address at the Democratic meeting Monday night he defined his ideas of democracy in these words:

"Democracy is a religion; the religion of brotherhood among men and equal rights for all. It is a religion that would demand more of the Golden rule and less of the rule of gold in government and in our daily lives. It would have all united in enforcing the laws and in counteracting any attempt to defy them. It would not array class against class, but would protect the rights of all by having each respect the rights of the other. It would not attack wealth honestly acquired but would wage unending war against the privileges that produce tainted riches on one side and undeserved poverty on the other side. It would protect property rights but would recognize the fact that property rights are best protected by serving inviolate the public rights. It would not combat men but the evil that men do. It would seek as a remedy for existing evils not less government by the people, but more government by the people. It would place conscience above cunning and the public good above private greed. It would not offer a man an advantage in the shape of a subsidy, or bounty or protective tariff enabling him to make money at the expense of his fellow men but it would assure him that it would give no one else such a special privilege over him. It would guarantee to all an equal opportunity to live and labor and enjoy the gains of honest toil. This is Democracy as I understand it."

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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## THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

In recognition of the manifold blessings granted us during the year, and especially for the gift of Statehood which awaits our acceptance, and in conformity with the recommendation of the President of the United States, I, RICHARD E. SLOAN, Governor of the Territory of Arizona, do hereby appoint Thursday, the thirtieth day of November, A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven, as a day of Thanksgiving, and do request that the people of the Territory observe it as such, each in his own way and according to his teaching and belief rendering thanks to Almighty God, "the giver of every good and perfect gift."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory of Arizona to be affixed.

(SEAL) Done at the City of Phoenix, the Capital, this sixteenth day of November, A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven

RICHARD E. SLOAN.

By the Governor:  
 GEO. U. YOUNG,  
 Secretary of Arizona.

## For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Greenlee county. Your vote respectfully solicited. General election December 12.

JOHN D. PATTY.

## Stockholders Meeting.

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